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In re Patent Application of	) MAIL STOP AF
Koji Naito et al.	) Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 09/820,688	Examiner: JAMES A THOMPSON
Filing Date: March 30, 2001	) Confirmation No.: 8787
Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, INFORMATION EMBEDDING METHOD, AND INFORMATION EMBEDDING PROGRAM	) ) ) )

## AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.  $\bowtie$ A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed. Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$\sum \$65 \$\sum \$130\$ fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are enclosed.  $\bowtie$ Also enclosed is/are: Third Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form -1449 and 3 documents. Small entity status is hereby claimed. Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$\Boxed{\Boxes} \$ 405 \$\Boxed{\Boxes} \$ 810 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents

identified above.

Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ for which continued examination is requested.

Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

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	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
$\boxtimes$	No additional claim fee is required.
	An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

		AMENDE	D CLAIMS			
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additio	nal Fee
Total Claims	24	28	0	x \$ 50 (1202)	\$	0
Independent Claims	7	7	0	x \$ 210 (1201)		0
☐ If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$ 370 (1203)				\$	0	
Total Claim Amendment Fee				\$	0	
☐ Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					0	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT				\$	0	

$\boxtimes$	Charge \$300.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.	
	A check in the amount of is enclosed for the fee due.	
	Charge to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.	
$\boxtimes$	The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, at to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.	
	Respectfully submitted,	
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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2007, the period for response to which having been extended by one month to April 27, 2008, please consider the following remarks: